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Provisional agenda and organization of work

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Capacity-building for development.

Documentation

The Secretariat will submit a paper for discussion on building governance and public administration capacities for development, including in post-conflict and crisis situations (E/C.16/2008/2). Based on the parameters set by the background paper, the Committee will determine the key issues in capacity-building and identify policy options and recommendations for Member States, the Economic and Social Council and the Secretariat in addressing them.

4. Compendium of basic United Nations terminology in governance and public administration.

Documentation

The Committee will review a paper, submitted by the Secretariat, on the latest work carried out by the Committee's Working Group on Basic United Nations Terminology in Governance and Public Administration (E/C.16/2008/3). The development of a glossary of public administration terms is intended to improve communication and ensure a more effective exchange of ideas and concepts among Member States in relevant intergovernmental policy dialogues.

5. Review of the United Nations Programme on Public Administration and Finance.

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Documentation

The Secretariat will present the proposed Strategic Framework of the United Nations Programme on Public Administration and Finance for the next biennium, 2010-2011 (E/C.16/2008/4). The experts will also review the main activities to be implemented under the Programme during the current 2008-2009 biennium, with a view to making recommendations for the Secretariat in assisting Member States to meet their current challenges of a globalized world and on emerging issues.

6. Public administration perspective on implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development.

Documentation

The theme of the 2008 annual ministerial review of the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council is "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development". The Secretariat will submit a background paper on the governance and public administration challenges in sustainable development and adapting to climate change (E/C.16/2008/5). The Committee will discuss and make recommendations on the synergies needed in addressing the economic, social and environment pillars in sustainable development. Structures and processes necessary for administrative coordination, effective public-private partnerships and participatory decision-making are some of the challenges addressed.

7. Proposed programme of work and agenda for the eighth session of the Committee of Experts.

The Committee of Experts will review its programme of work and make recommendations to the Economic and Social Council on the agenda for its eighth session.